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AGC of St. Louis, Mayor Slay and County Executive Dooley Proclaim Monday, October 27, 2008 *Build St. Louis Day*

Opening ceremony honors the men and women who Build St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, MO (October 27, 2008) - Standing on the site of the old “Highlands” Amusement park - The Associated General Contractors of St. Louis celebrated the start of “**Build St. Louis Week 2008**” by recognizing the contributions of St. Louis construction workers in creating the schools, hospitals, businesses and entertainment centers that strengthen our economy and improve our quality of life.

This year’s opening ceremony took place **Monday, Oct. 27 at 10:30 a.m.** at the construction site of the Highlands Plaza Two, a four-story; 70,000 square foot building located just east of the Highlands Plaza One building on Oakland Avenue and south of Forest Park with great visibility from I-64.

The Korte Company will occupy the second floor as its new corporate headquarters. Renaissance Financial Corporation will occupy the third and fourth floors as its new headquarters location and are 50% owners of the building. Situated on the former site of the Forest Park Highlands Amusement Park and the St. Louis Arena/Checkerdome, the Highlands at Forest Park, a 26- acre mixed-use campus, is one of the largest commercial/residential developments to be constructed in the City of St. Louis. The development also includes a 126-room Hampton Inn & Suites, The Highlander restaurant, the Lofts at the Highlands and the Highlands Plaza Three medical office building.

During the ceremony, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay and St. Louis County Executive Charlie Dooley recognized the role of St. Louis construction workers in keeping St. Louis strong by issuing proclamations that declared Monday, October 27 through Monday, November 3, 2008

“Build St. Louis Week.”

The theme of this year’s celebration is “We Build St. Louis,” in recognition of the men and women who build the numerous facilities that fuel the St. Louis metropolitan region. The St. Louis Construction Industry employs approximately 80,000 construction workers; many of them displayed the “We Build St. Louis” stickers on their hard hats and lapels and will do so throughout the week. “We Build St. Louis” will also appear throughout the region on bumper stickers on construction vehicles and on large banners at various prominent construction sites.

“We are extremely proud of the role St. Louis construction workers play in strengthening our economy and enhancing our quality of life in the greater metropolitan region,” said Leonard Toenjes, AGC president. “Build St. Louis Week gives us a chance to let those workers know how much we appreciate their expertise, talents and commitment to making St. Louis a fantastic place to live, work and play.” Toenjes went on to say that despite the economic turmoil in other industries around the country that St. Louis construction is still strong.

The Associated General Contractors of St. Louis is the united voice of the area’s construction industry, representing more than 450 area construction firms. Last year alone, AGC of St. Louis member firms put in place nearly \$3 billion in projects throughout the St. Louis region.

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